

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**April 2015****REPORT ON MISSOURI VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND MISSOURI DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES NATIONAL RECOGNITION****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**Sections 178.590 - 178.620, RSMo; Section
161.092, RSMo☐Consent
Item☐Action
Item☒Report
Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 4:**

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will improve departmental efficiency and operational effectiveness.

SUMMARY:

Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation (MVR) and Missouri Disability Determination Services (DDS) have recently been nationally recognized. MVR and Alternative Opportunities received recognition for their joint work on increasing job opportunities for adults with serious mental illness. MVR has partnered with BJC Healthcare in St. Louis through the Talent Acquisition Portal® to increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The CDC has cited MVR's work with traumatic brain injuries as a successful employment model. Missouri DDS received two Social Security Administration Commissioner Honor Awards for assisting other states with their workloads and serving as a test site for a new disability case processing system while exceeding the national average for production and quality statistics.

PRESENTERS:

Dr. Jeanne Loyd, Assistant Commissioner for Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.